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TAGS: POPS, KE, SO, ET, TZ, UK  
SUBJECT: KENYA ARMED FORCES CLASH WITH SOMALI SHIFTAS

REF: NAIROBI 8079

1. KENYA DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI CONFIRMED TO DCM JUNE 29  
SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WHICH REPORTED RECENT CLASHES BETWEEN KENYA ARMED  
FORCES AND SOMALI SHIFTAS SEEKING TO CROSS NORTHEASTERN KENYA INTO  
ETHIOPIA. KIEREINI SAID KENYA ARMY REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN FLOWN  
TO MANDERA AND ADDITIONAL FORCES HAVE ALSO BEEN DEPLOYED ALONG  
ETHIOPIA BORDER BETWEEN MANDERA AND RAMU AND WESTWARD TOWARDS MALKA.  
AS A RESULT OF THESE REDEPLOYMENTS OF KENYA FORCES AND KENYAN ARMED  
RESISTANCE TO SOMALI INCURSION, MOST OF THE SOMALI SHIFTA FORCES HAVE  
APPARENTLY RETREATED INTO SOMALIA. TOMORROW (JUNE 30) KIEREINI AND  
VICE PRESIDENT MOI WILL FLY TO MANDERA TO MAKE ON SITE INSPECTION OF  
SITUATION. KIEREINI SAID KENYANS NOW GIVING REFUGE RAMU TO 17  
ETHIOPIAN POLICEMEN WHO HAD BEEN FORCED TO FLEE THEIR POST ON  
ETHIOPIAN SIDE OF BORDER WHICH HAD BEEN OVERRUN BY SOMALI SHIFTAS

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A FEW DAYS AGO.

2. CONTRARY TO REFTEL FROM LOWER-LEVEL DEFENSE MINISTRY  
OFFICIAL THAT INCIDENT WOULD BE DOWNPLAYED, KIEREINI SAID THAT  
KENYA GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROTEST SOMALI INCURSION INTO  
KENYA IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS BOTH BILATERALLY TO SOMALIA AND  
MULTILATERALLY AT OAU SUMMIT. WHILE HE SAID KENYANS HAVE NOT

AS YET SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING ANY OF SOMALI SHIFTAS INVOLVED IN RECENT INCURSION, REPORTS INDICATE THAT THEY WERE IN UNIFORM AND THAT SOME INVOLVEMENT OF PERSONNEL OF SOMALIA ARMED FORCES WAS LIKELY. SHIFTA FORCES APPEARED WELL-TRAINED AND EQUIPPED.

3. WHILE KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT AS YET ATTEMPTED TO ASSESS BROADEER SOMALI OBJECTIVES, TACTICAL PURPOSE OF SHIFTAS IN ATTEMPTING TO CROSS DEEP INTO KENYAN TERRITORY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY NEED TO CROSS DAWA RIVER FARTHER UPSTREAM, AS LOWER SEGMENT OF THIS RIVER NEAR MANDERA IS CURRENTLY SWOLLEN BY FLOOD WATERS.

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